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## Cabin site sales begin

**Omaha, Neb.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the sale of nine parcels of land (sometimes called cabin sites) at Fort Peck, Mont., the proceeds of which will benefit the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

The 2000 Water Resource Development Act authorized the Secretary of the Army, working with the Secretary of the Interior, to identify cabin sites suitable for sale to current lessees and to perform the necessary environmental and real estate activities to dispose of these cabin sites at fair market value. Funds received from the sale of the cabin sites will be deposited in the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust for use in acquiring other lands with greater wildlife and other public value for the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.

Several years of collaboration between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Fort Peck Lake Association have resulted in a successful transfer of nine lots, which will provide approximately \$193,000 to benefit the CMR Wildlife Refuge. Sales are anticipated to continue for the next two years. Lots that are sold are removed from federal ownership and added to the local tax roles. Lots average about half an acre to one acre.

“This has been a complex divestiture process that ultimately will benefit the Refuge and the residents of eastern Montana. We recognize that these lots are peoples’ homes, and their patience and cooperation are appreciated,” said corps Fort Peck Cabins Project Manager Julie Price.

“We are happy to have sold nine of the lots and look forward to many more sales,” says John Daggett, the corps’ Operations Project Manager at Fort Peck. “We have worked closely with our partners over the years and we are happy to see this process underway.”

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